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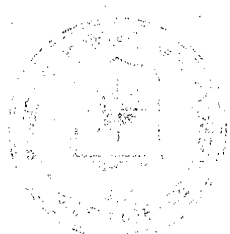
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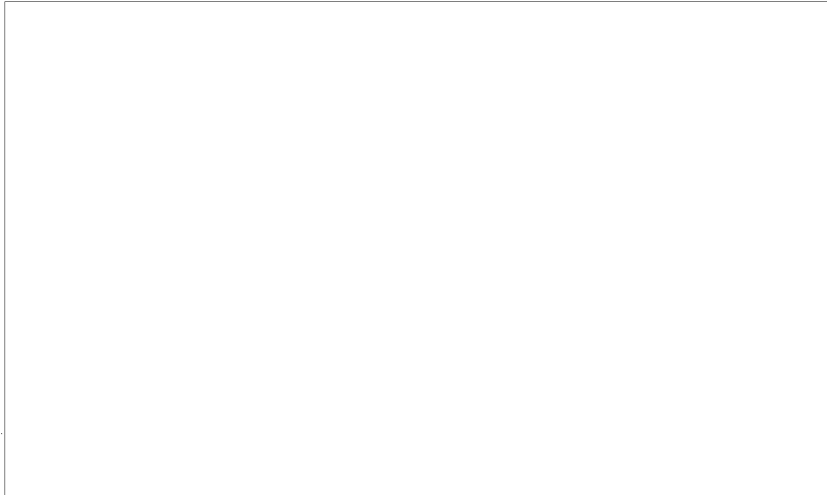
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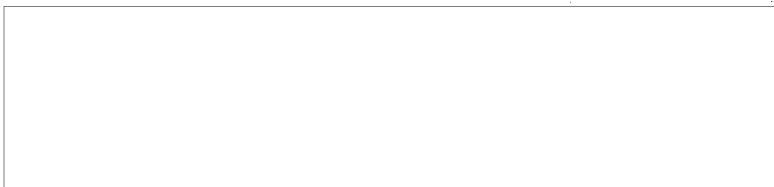
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USSR-CHINA

The Soviet Red Cross appealed to the Chinese Red Cross on October 23 for assistance in arranging a meeting with the three-man crew of the Soviet helicopter that went down inside China last March. The appeal cited humanitarian considerations.

Moscow is not known to have made any diplomatic or other approaches to the Chinese about the helicopter crew since last June. The Soviet appeal may be related to renewed speculation that the Chinese will try the crew. Moscow would want to head off such a trial.

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NOTE

Bangladesh: Prime Minister Mujibur Rahman requested and received on Saturday the resignation of Finance Minister Tajuddin Ahmed. Tajuddin, an inflexible leftist, is displeased with the program for foreign assistance that the recently established consortium of Western governments is developing for Bangladesh. Mujib may have dropped Tajuddin from the cabinet in the belief that his presence would have made aid negotiations unnecessarily difficult. The former finance minister may also be opposed to Mujib's reported plan to amend the constitution and institute a more centralized government.

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